A.—An hon. Member of this House and another gave an undertaking on behalf of Narayana Menon but it did not meet the requirements which the Government considered indispensable.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" The Government say ' An hon. Member of this House and another gave an undertaking on behalf of Narayana Menon but did not meet the requirements which the Government considered indispensable.' May I know what are the requirements ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Section 401 of the Criminal Procedure Code says that the person concerned ought to give his consent and he has not done so."

Railways

Closing of the Trikanad flag station on the South Indian Railway.

* 1624 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : With reference to question No. 1364 answered on 1st February 1929 regarding the closing of the Trikanad station on the South Indian Railway, will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Director of Fisheries has been consulted by either the Government or the South Indian Railway authorities regarding the closing of the Trikanad flag station and what his report is ; and

(*b*) whether Government have decided to request the Agent of the South Indian Railway to re-open the station ?

A.—(*a*) The Director of Fisheries was not consulted by the Government, as already stated in reply to clause (*d*) of question No. 1364. The Government have no information whether the Railway authorities consulted the Director of Fisheries.

(*b*) No.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I enquire whether the Government have made up their minds finally not to ask the South Indian Railway to reopen the station ? "

The hon. Mr. T. E. MOIR :—" We see no reason to continue the discussion with the Railway authorities."

Arms and Ammunitions

Issue of licences for arms to officials and non-officials.

* 1625 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any persons whether officials or non-officials are accorded free licences to carry arms ; and

(*b*) if so, what the qualifications are which entitle one to a free licence ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The hon. Member is referred to Schedule VII of the Indian Arms Rules, 1924, published with the notification of the Government of India, Home Department, No. F. 829/I-22, dated 3rd November 1923, and republished at pages 1302—1340 of Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 27th November 1923.